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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 22 March 2002, the period for response having been extended until 22 August 2002 by the accompanying petition and fee, please consider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as indicated below.

At page 4, replace the paragraph beginning at line 13 with the following paragraph.

Q1 A more homogeneous product, and one produced by more reproducible means, would be desirable. The availability of a homogeneous material with reproducible physical

characteristics would be desirable, for example, in various products and processes, where the availability of gelatin with specific characteristics, such as a fixed range of molecular

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